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APROCLAMATION,

Appointing the Magiſtrates of Burghs of Regality and Barrony, and their Clerks, to take the Oath of Alleadgeance, and ſigne the Declaration.

EDINBURGH, the firſt Day of *Auguſt*, 1678.

THE Lord Commiſſioner His Grace, and Lords of His *Majeſties* Privy Council, Conſidering, That by the fifth Act of the ſecond Seſſion of His *Majeſties* firſt Parliament, His *Majeſty*, with Advice of His Eſtates of Parliament, did Statute, Ordain, and Enact, That all ſuch perſons as ſhould thereafter be called or admitted to any publick Truſt or Office, under His *Majeſties* Government within this Kingdom; That is to ſay, to be Officers of State, Members of Parliament, Privy Counſellers, Lords of Seſſion, Commiſſioners of Exchequer, Members of the Colledge of Juſtice, Sheriffs, Stewarts, or Commiſſaries their Deputs and Clerks, Magiſtrates, and Council of Burghs, Juſtices of Peace and their Clerks, or any other publick Charge, Office and Truſt within this Kingdom, ſhall at and before their Admiſſion to the Exerciſe of ſuch places or Offices, publickly in face of the reſpective Courts they relate to, ſubſcribe the Declaration thereto ſubjoyned, and that they ſhall have no Right to the ſaid Offices or Benefites thereof, untill they ſubſcribe the ſame as ſaid is; but that every ſuch perſon who ſhall offer to enter and exerce any ſuch Office, before he ſubſcribe the Declaration, is to be reputed and puniſhed as an Uſurper of His *Majeſties* Authority, and the Place to be diſpoſed of to another: And by the ſecond Act of the third Seſſion of His *Majeſties* ſaid firſt Parliament, relating to the former Act, It is recommended to His *Majeſties* Privy Council to be carefull, that theſe Acts be put in due Execution, and receive obedience conform to the tenour thereof. And whereas the Lord Commiſſioner his Grace, and Lords of His *Majeſties* Privy Councill are informed, That the Magiſtrates of ſeveral Burghs of Regality and Barrony, and their Clerks, who exerce publick Juriſdiction, Office and Truſt in their ſeveral Bounds, and who by the ſaid Acts of Parliament, are obliged, at or before they enter to the Exerciſe of ſuch Offices and Places, to take the Oath of Alleadgeance and ſigne the Declaration, yet do take upon them the exerciſe of the ſaid publick Truſt, Office, and Juriſdiction, without taking the ſaid Oath and ſigning the Declaration: Do therefore hereby Require and Command, all ſuch Magiſtrates of Burghs of Regality and Barrony, and their Clerks, (who have not at their entry to their ſaids Offices, taken the Oath of Alleadgeance and ſigned the Declaration) to take the ſaid Oath, and ſign the Declaration, publicklyin face of the reſpective Courts to which they relate, betwixt and the Term of *Michaelmas* next: And it is hereby Declared, That the ſaids Magiſtrates of Burghs of Regality and Barrony, and their Clerks, ſhall hereafter have no Right to their ſaids Offices or Benefites thereof, untill they take the ſaid Oath, and ſubſcribe the Declaration, as ſaid is; But that every one of them who ſhall exerce any ſuch publick Office, Charge or Juriſdiction, before they ſo do, is to be reputed and puniſhed as an uſurper of His *Majeſties* Authority, and the Place to be diſpoſed of to another, conform to the ſaids Acts of Parliament: Hereby requiring the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Shires to ſee this Act put in Execution, and to report to the Council their Diligence, betwixt and the ſecond Thurſday of *November* next. And Ordains theſe preſents to be Printed, and Publiſhed at the Mercat Croſs of *Edinburgh*, and Mercat Croſſes of the head Burghs of the ſeveral Shires, that none pretend ignorance.

Al. Gibſone, Cls. Sti. Concilii.

GOD ſave the KING.

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